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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG, CASC
SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK: KOLWEZI RESCUE OPERATION

1. I HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT AT MIDNIGHT MAY 17 FRENCH AMBASSADOR ROSS INFORMED PRESIDENT MOBUTU THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO MOUNT AIRBORNE RESCUE OPERATION AT KOLWEZI, USING COMBINED FORCE OF FRENCH, GABONESE AND PERHAPS OTHER AFRICAN TROOPS. OPERATION PLANNED FOR MORNING MAY 19 AT THE LATEST. BELGIANS HAVE ALSO INFORMED MOBUTU OF THEIR READINESS TO PARTICIPATE, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY CONSTITUTE "SECOND WAVE" BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE INABILITY TO MAKE PREPARATIONS IN TIME TO JOIN FRENCH. MOBUTU HAS GIVEN HIS CONCURRENCE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

2. I PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO YOU BECAUSE OF ITS OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE, EVEN THOUGH I ASSUME USG HAS ALREADY BEEN CONSULTED. I ALSO ASSUME FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE WILL INFORM ME OFFICIALLY ONCE HE KNOWS SUCH CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.
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